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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

### FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

#### WESTERN DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,: Case No. 11 - 20 + 9 CBM

Plaintiff,

vs.

ARASH DANNY MOLAYEM,

Defendant.

: PLAINTIFF SECURITIES AND

: EXCHANGE COMMISSION'S : COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE

AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), for its Complaint against defendant Arash Danny Molayem, alleges as follows:

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 20(b), 20(d)(1) and 22(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. §§ 77t(b), 77(d)(1) & 77v(a)] and 21(d)(3), 21(e) and 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

## SUMMARY

- 2. From on or about August 1999 to November 1999, Arash Danny Molayem participated in a scheme with others, including Arash Aziz-Golshani, to manipulate the price of securities of several issuers for personal profit. With respect to each issuer, Molayem (a) purchased shares of the issuer at low prices; (b) after the purchase disseminated materially false and fraudulent messages about the issuer on Internet message boards in an effort to manipulate the price of the issuer's securities; (c) by his conduct affected the trading volume and price of the securities; and (d) sold his shares at a profit.
- 3. By his conduct, Molayem manipulated the price of publicly traded securities. By knowingly or recklessly engaging in this conduct, Molayem, directly or indirectly, violated, and, unless restrained and enjoined, may again violate Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. §77q(a)], Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5].
- 4. In connection with the acts, transactions, and practices alleged herein, Molayem, directly or indirectly, made use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce, or of the mails or of the facilities of a national securities exchange.

5. The Commission seeks to permanently enjoin Molayem from engaging in the transactions, acts, practices and courses of conduct alleged in this Complaint, and transactions, acts, practices, and courses of conduct of similar purport and object, for other equitable relief, including disgorgement, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

#### **DEFENDANT**

6. Arash Danny Molayem, 20, is a student at the University of California at Los Angeles and resides in Beverly Hills, California.

#### BACKGROUND

7. Molayem and others manipulated the price of securities of the issuers set forth below for personal profit by generating and disseminating materially false and fraudulent messages about the issuers on Internet message boards.

## Encounter.com, Inc. (ENCR)

- 8. In late July 1999 or early August 1999, Arash Aziz-Golshani solicited Molayem to assist him in manipulating the price of ENCR stock by posting materially false and fraudulent messages about ENCR on Internet message boards. In exchange for Molayem's assistance, Aziz-Golshani agreed to give Molayem a portion of the profits earned by Aziz-Golshani in the trading of ENCR stock.
- 9. On July 30, August 2, 3, and 12, 1999, Arash Aziz-Golshani purchased shares of ENCR for a total purchase price of \$58,386.78.
- 10. On August 9, 1999, Molayem and others posted materially false and fraudulent messages on Internet message boards claiming that ENCR was entering into a deal with Lycos, Inc.

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On August 3, 10, and 12, 1999, Aziz-Golshani sold his shares of ENCR realizing a profit of \$21,245.81. thereafter, Aziz-Golshani gave Molayem a check for a portion of the profits, representing Molayem's share of profits from the fraud relating to ENCR.

## Classified Online.com (CLOL)

- In late July 1999 or early August 1999, Aziz-Golshani solicited Molayem to assist him in manipulating the price of CLOL by posting materially false and fraudulent messages about CLOL on In exchange for Molayem's assistance, Aziz-Internet message boards. Golshani agreed to give Molayem a portion of the profits earned by Aziz-Golshani in the trading of CLOL stock.
- On July 26, 28, August 10, 13, 16, and 17, 1999, Aziz-Golshani\_purchased shares of CLOL (formerly Fuji Electrocell Corporation), for a total purchase price of \$34,351.81.
- 14. On August 17, 1999, Molayem and others posted materially false and fraudulent messages on Internet message boards claiming that CLOL was going to be acquired by At Home Corporation.
- On August 17, 1999, Aziz-Golshani sold his shares of CLOL 15. for \$88,456.55 realizing a profit of \$54,204.74. Sometime thereafter, Aziz-Golshani gave Molayem a check for a portion of the profits representing Molayem's share of profits from the fraud relating to CLOL.
- The amount of funds Molayem received from Aziz-Golshani representing Molayem's share of the profits from the fraud relating to ENCR and CLOL was \$2100.

### Foodvision.com, Inc. (FVSN)

- 17. On September 2 and 6, 1999, Molayem purchased 15,000 shares of FVSN for a total purchase price of \$8871.09.
- 18. On September 13, 1999, Molayem and others posted materially false and fraudulent messages on Internet message boards about a deal between FVSN and Yahoo! and Excite.
- 19. On September 3 and 14, 1999, Molayem sold his shares of FVSN realizing a profit of \$221.00.

#### JustWebit.com, Inc. (JTWB)

- 20. JustWebit.com, Inc. is a Salt Lake City-based corporation whose shares are currently quoted on the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) Over the Counter Bulletin Board System (the "bulletin board").under the symbol "JTWB.".
- 21. On €eptember 23-24, 1999, Molayem bought 4300 shares of JTWB at a cost of \$8214.95.
- 22. Between September 25-28, 1999, Molayem and others posted materially false and fraudulent messages on Internet message boards stating that a deal between JTWB and a company called Excite was imminent and would result in a substantial increase in the price of JTWB stock.
- 23. On September 28, 1999, Molayem sold his shares of JTWB realizing a profit of \$6108.54.

#### 1TWOE.COM, Inc. (TWOE)

24. On or around October 26, 1999, Molayem purchased 27,500 shares of TWOE.

false and fraudulent messages on Internet message boards regarding
TWOE signing a "massive deal with major Cable firm this week."
Between October 26 and 29, 1999, Molayem and others posted additional
materially false and fraudulent messages regarding TWOE on Internet
message boards.

On October 27, 1999, Molayem and others posted materially

26. On or around October 29-30, 1999, Molayem sold his shares of TWOE at a profit of \$2183.06.

## NEI Webworld (NEIP)

- 27. On or about November 12 and 14, 1999, Molayem purchased 30,000 shares of NEIP for a total purchase price of \$3500.
- 28. On November 12-14, 1999, Molayem and others posted materially false and fraudulent messages on Internet message boards claiming that NEIP was going to be acquired by a company called LGC Wireless, Inc.
- 29. On or about November 15, 1999, Molayem sold his shares of NEIP realizing a profit of \$5393.75.

#### CLAIM ONE

#### (STOCK PRICE MANIPULATION)

# Violation of Section 17(a) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)]

- 30. Paragraphs 1 through 29 are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 31. Molayem knew or was reckless in not knowing that his statements concerning the issuers identified above were materially false and misleading and, in addition, that posting those statements

- 32. Molayem knew or was reckless in not knowing that the posting of the false information concerning the issuers identified above would affect both the price and volume of trading in the securities of the issuers.
- 33. Molayem, by engaging in the conduct described above, directly or indirectly, in connection with the offer or sale of securities, by the use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or by the use of the mails:
  - (a) employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud,
  - (b) obtained money or property by means of untrue statements of material facts or omissions to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or
  - (c) engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business which operate or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchasers of such securities.
- 34. By reason of the foregoing, Molayem, directly or indirectly, violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act.

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#### CLAIM TWO

## (STOCK PRICE MANIPULATION)

## Violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5]

- 35. Paragraphs 1 through 34 above are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 36. Molayem, by engaging in the conduct described above, directly or indirectly, by use of the means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce, or by use of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities:
  - (a) employed devices, schemes, or artifices to defraud,
  - (b) made untrue statements of material facts or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or
  - (c) engaged in acts, practices, or courses of business which operate or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.
- 37. By reason of the foregoing, Molayem violated, and unless restrained and enjoined will continue to violate, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder.

#### RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that this

1	Court:
2	I.
3	Issue an order permanently enjoining Molayem from violating
4	Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, Section 10(b) of the Securities
5	Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 thereunder;
6	II.
7	Grant such other and further relief as this court may determine
8	to be just, equitable and necessary, including, but not limited to,
9	disgorgement.
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